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Upcoming Meetings

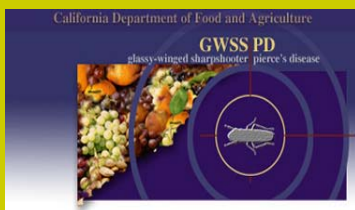
December 15-18, 2002 — Pierce's Disease Research Symposium, Coronado Island Marriott, San Diego

December 16, 2002—PD/GWSS Board Applied Research Subcommittee, Noon, Marius Room, Coronado Island Marriott, San Diego

February 19, 2003—Pierce's Disease/Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Board, 8 a.m., Monterey Plaza Hotel, Monterey

February 20, 2003—Pierce's Disease Advisory Task Force, 8 a.m., Monterey Plaza Hotel, Monterey

For additional information on the items contained in this brochure or the Pierce's Disease/Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Board, please call the Pierce's Disease Program at (916) 322-2804 or visit our website at www.cdffa.ca.gov/phpps/pdcp/



Pierce's Disease/ Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Board Update

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Leaf showing signs of Pierce's disease
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PD/GWSS Board Update

Ventura Meeting

On Tuesday, October 29, 2002, the PD/GWSS Board held its meeting in Ventura. The board was joined by the PD Advisory Task Force for a tour of Valley Crest Tree Company in Fillmore, CA. The tour was conducted by Mr. Stuart J. Sperber, Chief Executive Officer of Valley Crest Tree Company (VCTC) and Robert Crudup, President and COO of VCTC. Dr. Matt Blua from U.C. Riverside and CDFA biologist Craig Hanes provided an overview of a barrier project to prevent the spread of GWSS from neighboring citrus groves and riparian habitat to VCTC nursery stock. Members also had an opportunity to simulate the nursery inspection process. The Board would like to thank Mr. Sperber and his staff for their informative presentation and their gracious hospitality.

Research

As of November 8, 2002, the PD/GWSS Board is accepting research project suggestions on Pierce's disease and the glassy-winged sharpshooter. Project suggestions may not exceed two (2) pages and should include a project title, location, timeline and contact information for the project leader. Project suggestions are due by 4 p.m., January 3, 2003. Incomplete, late or project suggestions exceeding two pages will be returned and eliminated from consideration. Suggestions sent via e-mail, fax or U.S. mail will be accepted. However, choose one method only.

Project suggestions should be submitted to:

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E-mailed suggestions will be acknowledged. You may contact us to verify your submission has been received. CDFA/PDP/PD-GWSS Board are not responsible for incomplete fax or e-mail transmissions.

For more specifics on the Request for Project Suggestions, please visit the Pierce's Disease Program website at <http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/phpps/pdcp/>

National Academy of Sciences

The National Academy of Sciences (NAS) was engaged in late 2002 to develop a research strategy for solving the Pierce's disease problem. The NAS will seek out the best and the brightest across all disciplines to study past, present, and potential future research activities and identify the most promising avenues and directions to pursue to achieve eradication of Pierce's disease from California within five years. This 18-month project should be completed in April 2004. The project leader is Dr. Kim Waddell, Program Officer with the Board on Agriculture and Natural Resources, National Research Council, NAS

Budget Highlights

At the October 2002 meeting, the Board recommended the following adjustments to its FY02-03 Budget to better reflect

current and future program activities. Significant items include:

- Continuing Research \$5,000,000
- Current Research \$1,021,752
- Strategic Research Services \$500,000
- Applied Research \$1,800,000
- Public Outreach \$200,000
- Bulk Grape Program \$152,000

Research Evaluator Contract

In October, the CDFA released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Research Evaluator for the PD/GWSS Board. Two applications were received, however, only one was eligible for review. The application reviewed was judged insufficient and no contract was awarded. As a result, the CDFA is currently re-advertising for this important function for the Board. The deadline to receive proposals is December 18, 2002. For more information, please contact Lisa Macias, CDFA Contracts Office at (916) 653-2607.

Next meeting

The PD/GWSS Board will meet on February 19, 2003, 8 a.m. at the Monterey Plaza Hotel, Monterey. For additional information, call the Pierce's Disease Program at (916) 322-2804 or go to www.cdfa.ca.gov/phpps/pdcp/